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1. DANES HAVE RESPONDED ON FEBRUARY 28, TO DEPARTMENT'S
NOTE OF JANUARY 30. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION NOTE IS AS
FOLLOWS:

THE MATTER HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE
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DANISH, NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH AUTHORITIES.

WHEN CONSIDERING THE US PROPOSAL FOR AN ASSURED DAILY SERVICE, IT APPEARS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES THAT THE TRA-FIC VOLUME DOES NOT JUSTIFY A SERVICE WEST BERLIN-COPENHAGEN INDEPENDENT OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE.

THE EMBASSY HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REFER TO THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN ITS NOTE OF DECEMBER 11, 1973, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PROPOSED SERVICE MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF THE DANISH-US AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, I.E. MAKING BERLIN EITHER AN INTERMEDIATE POINT OR A POINT BEYOND ON A SERVICE BETWEEN USA AND COPENHAGEN, AND THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED, IF SO DESIRED, TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF SUCH A SERVICE BY PERMITTING A CHANGE OF GAUGE IN COPENHAGEN.

THE DANISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT THIS OFFER TAKES DUE ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL ASPECTS INHERENT IN THE MATTER, SINCE IT PERMITS THE US CARRIER TO OPERATE A DAILY SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN AND COPENHAGEN IN DIRECT CONNECTION WITH A TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE.

2. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT PAN AM WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY TRANSATLANTIC CONNECTIONS FOR PROPOSED COPENHAGEN-BERLIN SERVICE, EVEN DURING PEAK SUMMER SEASON. CURRENT PAN AM SUMMER PLAN IS TO OPERATE DAILY 707 US-COPENHAGEN (FLT 44), WHICH WILL PROCEED BEYOND COPENHAGEN (AND RETURN) THREE TIMES WEEKLY TO WARSAW, TWICE WEEKLY TO PRAGUE, AND TWICE WEEKLY TO MOSCOW.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS FROM ADDRESSEES ON NEXT STEP, BEARING IN MIND OUR OBJECTIVE REMAINS DAILY COPENHAGEN-BERLIN SERVICE. KISSINGER

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